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GHS/OCD Promotes Typhoon Preparedness Month – June 2022

Governor Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero will declare the month of June 2022 as Typhoon Preparedness Month (TPM) during the TPM Proclamation Signing on Friday, June 3 at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom, and it will also be available to view from the Governor's Facebook page. TPM promotes typhoon hazard preparedness as an active collaboration among federal, territorial and local emergency management agencies, community leaders and the public.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) invite the community to participate in TPM. Although preparedness efforts have been focused on COVID-19, it is important to also prepare for one of Guam's most prevalent natural hazards - typhoon season.

The National Weather Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in conjunction with several states and territories, declare a Typhoon Preparedness Week for their respective areas each year to encourage preparedness for Typhoon disasters. With typhoons being one of Guam's most frequent natural disasters, GHS/OCD, with emergency management partners, have extended the initiative for a month. TPM provides an excellent opportunity to highlight Guam's abilities to recognize the threat storms and typhoons pose to our community.

Throughout June, GHS/OCD will promote information through social media about typhoon preparedness. Each week will have separate themes and focus:

- Week 1, May 29 - June 4: Introduction to Tropical Cyclones
- Week 2, June 5-11: Determine Your Risk and Develop an Evacuation Plan
- Week 3, June 12-18: Assemble Disaster Supplies and Prepare Your Pets for Disasters
- Week 4, June 19-25: Get an Insurance Check Up and Strengthen Your Home
- Week 5, June 26 - July 2: Help Your Neighbor and Complete Your Written Plan / National Lightning Safety Awareness Week

Those interested in participating and finding more information throughout the month can follow Guam Homeland Security on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/GHSOCD/>, follow @guamhomelandsecurity on Instagram and visit the GHS/OCD website at www.ghs.guam.gov.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to use TPM as a chance to have discussions with friends and family about typhoon preparedness by using the following resources:

- <https://www.weather.gov/wrn/hurricane-preparedness>
- <https://www.weather.gov/safety/hurricane>

- <https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>
- <https://ghs.guam.gov/programs/natural-disasters/typhoons>

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